

Appln. No. 09/525,477
Amendment Submitted With
Request for Continued Examination
Filed: October 17, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 11-28, 38, 39, 46, 58-75, 78-83, 85, 87, 88, 93, 96, 100, 101 and 104-109 are pending in this application. Claims 104-109 are newly-presented and claims 12, 16, 58, 59 and 73 have been amended. Claims 1, 12, 16, 58, 59, 66 (withdrawn), 72, 73, 96 (withdrawn), 100 (withdrawn) and 101 (withdrawn) are independent.

The changes made herein are to follow entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on September 4, 2003. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Various claims have been revised to clarify that this invention is directed to an ink tank / ink unit, and that, as claimed, the invention does not require the presence of the ink jet recording head

The foregoing revisions are made to provide Applicant with protection of a scope commensurate with the invention. None of these changes has been made because of any statutory reasons of unpatentability.

Applicant respectfully submits that all grounds of rejection raised in the Office Action dated March 17, 2003, are addressed and overcome for the reasons set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection that was filed on September 4, 2003.

The claimed invention is believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding rejections have been addressed and are now overcome. Applicant further submits that all claims pending in this application are

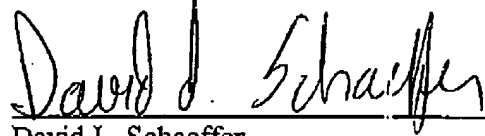
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patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of those rejections is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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